

HOUSE BILL 138

By Howell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
relative to transportation infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Lee Ford bridge on State Route 130 in Franklin County, which is currently designated pursuant to Chapter 1009 of the Public Acts of 2022 as the "SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge", is no longer designated as the "SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge" on or after the effective date of this act.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the left bridge (Bridge No. 10SR0370016) on State Route 37/U.S. Highway 19E spanning the Doe River in Carter County is hereby designated the "SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge" to honor the memory of Michael P. Oliver, Sergeant, United States Army, who served with honor in the Vietnam War while defending our freedom and our way of life so that we could continue to live in peace here at home and who made the ultimate sacrifice on January 8, 1968, when he lost his life at twenty (20) years of age during a combat action in the Hiep Duc Valley, South Vietnam, in the Quang Tin province.

(c) The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in subsection (b) as the "SGT Michael P. Oliver Memorial Bridge". The department is further directed to remove any previously installed signs or markers from the bridge on State Route 130 identified in subsection (a). The department may relocate previously installed signs or markers to designate the

bridge identified in subsection (b). Any cost of signage must be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-1-133.

(d) The erection of the signs must be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and within the state supplemental guidelines, as applicable.

SECTION 2.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the bridge (Bridge No. 02SR0100011) on State Route 10/U.S. Highway 231 (North Main Street) spanning Little Hurricane Creek in the City of Shelbyville, Bedford County, which is currently designated pursuant to Chapter 1009 of the Public Acts of 2022 as the "PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge", is no longer designated as the "PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge" on or after the effective date of this act.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the bridge (Bridge No. 02SR0100017) on State Route 10/U.S. Highway 231 (North Main Street) spanning Hurricane Creek in the City of Shelbyville, Bedford County, is hereby designated the "PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge" to honor the memory of Forrest Wells, Private First Class, United States Army, a native of Bedford County, loving husband and father, and loyal employee at Empire Pencil Company who, in 2014, posthumously received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in active ground combat during World War II, including heroic actions on the night of July 29, 1944, while serving as a member of a gun section in the vicinity of Hebecrevon, France.

(c) The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in subsection (b) as the "PFC Forrest Wells Memorial Bridge". The department is further directed to remove any previously installed signs or markers from the bridge (Bridge No. 02SR0100011) on State Route

10/U.S. Highway 231 (North Main Street) identified in subsection (a). The department may relocate previously installed signs or markers to designate the bridge identified in subsection (b).

(d) The erection of the signs must be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and within state supplemental guidelines, as applicable.

(e) This section becomes operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of the signs is paid to the department of transportation from nonstate funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. The payment must be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of the signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for the signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of the signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, then an amount equal to the difference in the costs must be remitted to the department in nonstate funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 3. A presentation copy or copies of this act, or pertinent sections thereof, must be made available to members of the general assembly upon their request to the appropriate clerk's office.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.